



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Pleasant Autumn Weather

Agricultural Summary

Temperatures across the state ranged from five degrees below normal to five degrees above normal for the week ending September 28. Northern Idaho received a good amount of precipitation while South-central recorded none. Southwest and East Idaho received scattered precipitation. Major farm activities for the week included fall soil preparation, caring for livestock, harvesting crops, planting winter wheat, and harvesting hay.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture is estimated at 23% very short, 33% short, 44% adequate, and 0% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Field Crop Report

Barley harvest is essentially complete at 96%. Most the barley fields left to be harvested are in Eastern Idaho. Peaches and oats for grain harvest also are mostly complete. Field corn for silage is well behind normal at 39% harvested, compared to 76% harvested for the five-average. The potato harvest is in full swing this week. The Power County extension educator reported excellent harvest weather for the week and the dryland areas are really in need of moisture.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Statewide, the third cutting of alfalfa hay is at 88% harvested, and the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay is at 46% harvested. Caribou County reported that cattle are mostly on the range with some operators preparing to round them up.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2008	2007	Avg.
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	39	78	76
Onions Harvested	76	85	71
Potatoes Vines Dying/ Killed	94	99	98
Peaches Harvested	95	100	100
Alfalfa 4 th Cutting	46	71	68
Dry Beans Harvested	75	88	84
Oats for Grain Harvested	95	100	97

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range & Pasture	5	25	37	30	3
Potato	--	1	19	74	6
Irr. Water Supply	--	8	31	56	5

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South Central			East			State		
	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted	37	30	24	62	58	60	61	65	53	60	65	59	50	49	43
Emerged	--	--	--	1	23	18	8	20	12	11	26	21	5	13	10
Barley															
Harvested	100	100	100	100	100	100	99	100	100	94	100	98	96	100	99
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	88	87	84	28	58	37	19	31	24	26	41	32
Alfalfa Hay															
3 rd Cutting	NA	NA	NA	93	100	100	100	99	100	75	85	82	88	94	93

Avg (2003 – 2007); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

Find agricultural statistics for your county, State, and the Nation at www.nass.usda.gov.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, September 28, 2008 ^{1/}

Station	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation		Since Mar 1 Precipitation		Growing Degree Days Since March 1		
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Base 40 Total	Base 50 Total	Base 50 DFN
North											
Coeur D' Alene	70	40	53	-5	0.34	0.06	9.25	-2.08	3437	1901	-219
Grangeville	74	38	56	4	0.19	-0.23	14.59	-0.47	3456	1945	367
Lewiston	76	43	60	0	0.08	-0.09	4.69	-2.26	4794	2980	197
Porthill	71	33	50	-2	0.64	0.36	9.30	-0.76	3124	1588	-49
Winchester	72	31	51	0	0.10	-0.25	11.69	-2.90	2679	1270	183
Southwest											
Boise	83	38	60	2	0.04	-0.14	4.32	-1.62	4276	2557	-97
Emmett	80	37	58	-1	0.00	-0.18	5.11	-0.75	4252	2600	51
Glenns Ferry	85	36	59	2	0.00	-0.11	3.88	-0.64	4298	2634	73
Grand View	83	34	59	1	0.00	-0.14	3.32	-0.61	4184	2528	-306
Nampa	80	42	60	2	0.05	-0.09	3.98	-1.10	4317	2607	-52
Parma	80	39	59	3	0.01	-0.13	2.91	-2.66	4475	2734	239
South Central											
Fairfield	79	24	50	-2	0.00	-0.14	2.39	-4.20	2558	1171	-277
Malta	84	26	56	2	0.00	-0.14	3.48	-3.74	3419	1884	-106
Picabo	80	31	56	5	0.00	-0.14	2.42	-3.68	3286	1809	240
Rupert	79	34	56	2	0.00	-0.14	2.03	-3.18	3440	1892	-151
Twin Falls	81	35	57	4	0.00	-0.14	2.91	-2.41	3711	2123	175
East											
Aberdeen	82	33	56	4	0.00	-0.20	1.99	-3.57	3331	1811	93
Ashton	77	28	52	3	0.11	-0.17	5.97	-4.76	2655	1263	-57
Fort Hall	82	33	57	3	0.00	-0.21	3.18	-4.01	3325	1799	-146
Idaho Falls	80	36	56	4	0.00	-0.20	3.69	-2.89	3406	1877	58
Lava Hot Springs	80	32	54	0	0.07	-0.14	6.67	-0.52	3154	1688	-257
Montevideo	80	27	52	1	0.01	-0.13	1.94	-4.28	2933	1455	-257
Preston	82	35	59	5	0.11	-0.17	6.26	-2.45	3648	2097	55
Rexburg	79	28	52	2	0.00	-0.22	3.35	-4.72	2836	1377	-34

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.